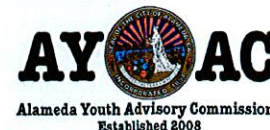




**MINUTES OF
ALAMEDA YOUTH ADVISORY COMMISSION
MEETING FOR January 10, 2012**



DATE: Tuesday, January 10, 2012
TIME: 5:05 PM
PLACE: Room 360, City Hall, corner of Santa Clara Avenue and Oak Street,
Alameda, CA 94501

1. ROLL CALL

Present: Chairperson Jeanette Mei,
Commissioner Amanda Khoo (Late), Danielle McGuinness, Emani Pollard,
Leigh Pond, Mackenzie Prince, Angus Storm, and Sonia Xu.

Staff: Patrick Russi, Recreation Supervisor (RS)
Andy Wong, Teen Coordinator (TC)

Absent: Vice-Chairperson Carrie Huang and Commissioner Mary Orbeta

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

December 13, 2011

Minutes of December 13, 2011, Youth Advisory Commission Meeting

M/S/C **Pond / McGuinness** (Approved)

"That the Minutes of December 13, 2011 Youth Advisory Commission meeting are approved."

Approved (5): Chairperson Jeanette Mei,
Commissioner McGuinness, Pollard, Pond, and Storm.

Abstention (3): Commissioner Khoo, Prince, and Xu

Absent (2): Vice-Chairperson Huang, Commissioner Orbeta

3. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS, AGENDA

None

4. WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

None

5. NEW BUSINESS

A. Alameda Youth Speaks with Alameda Police Chief, Mike Noonan (Discussion / Action Item)

Alameda Police Chief, Mike Noonan, stated that he had hosted several of the Alameda Youth Speaks (AYS) and he felt that there is a need for some changes to the way AYS is held. He is coming to the Youth Advisory Commission for some guidance. His past meeting(s) outcome is a mixture of both positive, informative, and some goofing around from the Youth. He felt that the input from the Youth Commission will help to gain more useful feed back from AYS. He also invited the Youth Commission to come on a Ride-A-Long with the Dept., to see what goes on when an Officer is on duty. Chief Noonan also suggested Alameda Police Department provide a visual to teens on their tactical equipments, crime scene unit, etc. Chief Noonan asked if AYS is a waste of time. Commissioner McGuinness stated that the "AYS it is not a waste of time, it just needs to be restructured". She also stated that at one of the meetings she attended, the middle school students had no idea what they were talking about and they were goofing around.

Jim Franz suggested that one of the Youth Commissioners can facilitate the AYS. RS Russi also suggested that the Youth Commission start the AYS with an ice breaker. Chief Noonan stated that he is open to any suggestions from the Youth Commission. He also stated that the Youth should drive the agenda and not the Chief or Police Dept. Commissioner Storm asked when does the AYS take place. RS Russi said that it is usually quarterly. Both Commissioner Mei and RS Russi summarized the discussion to have Youth Commission to collaborate.

Topics of the first meeting can be about the tactical team and hostage negotiator at the Alameda Library. Manage the group size, and participants must be respectful.

M/S/C McGuinness / Pond (Approved)

"That the Youth Commission collaborate with Police Chief Noonan on the next Alameda Youth Speaks meeting."

Approved (5): Chairperson Jeanette Mei,
Commissioner McGuinness, Pollard, Pond, and Storm.

Absent (2): Vice-Chairperson Huang, Commissioner Orbeta

B. Community Needs Assessment Survey (Discussion / Action Item)

Jim Franz stated that the Social Service Human Relations Board (SSHRB) is currently conducting a Community Needs Assessment Survey for Alameda. The survey should be done as a family as a whole, and will help in guiding the SSHRB to direct funding to assist in types of services. For example: after-school programs, childcare, affordable housing, job opportunities, transportation, city and county funding to meet the needs of the public. The survey is available in three languages: Chinese, English and Spanish. RS Russi stated that the survey will continue until January 25. He also encouraged the public to promote and complete the survey. TC Wong reminded the Youth Commission that an earlier e-mail was sent out along with links to the survey, and that the Youth Commissioners are to complete them with their parents/family, and promote to other youth and their families. Jim stated that once the data gathering is complete, he will share the information with the Youth Commission.

C. Future AYAC Projects of Interest (Discussion / Action Item)

TC Wong gave a quick recap of the projects that the Youth Commission were interested in at the January Meeting:

A) Conduct mini surveys to find youth topics – Commissioner Storm suggested conducting surveys

through Facebook, since there is a "Survey Application". He stated the survey can range from different topics that the youth suggest. TC Wong stated that the first survey completed by the Youth Commission was the result of a job fair/workshop for teens.

- B) Summer school offered at a higher cost for high school students – Vice Chairperson Huang (Commissioner Huang absent for comments)
- C) Traffic issues at Alameda High School (Encinal Ave. – Drop Off Enforcement) – Pond
TC Wong stated that the result from this topic was a recommendation to the councilmembers of additional enforcement from Alameda Police Department during before-school and after-school hours to monitor and cite drivers who do not following the parking rules.
- D) Rotary Speech Contest / Season of Non-Violence Speech Contest – Vice Chairperson Huang Absent. TC Wong stated that once more information is provided to him, he will forward to the Youth Commission.

6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

7. COMMITTEE REPORT:

None

8. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS, GENERAL

TC Wong thanked the Youth Commission for supporting the Teen Haunted House on behalf of the Alameda Recreation and Park Dept., Teen Program.

TC Wong said the California Parks and Recreation Society, District 4 is hosting "YAK ATTACK" in Santa Clara, on Saturday, March 3. The invitation has been extended to all Youth Commissions. This year's topic is on "You-niting Youth", a workshop/training that offers educational sessions, thought-provoking debates, quality networking opportunities and innovative ideas to bring back to their community.

TC Wong told the Youth Commission that ARPD will soon plan this years Teen Job Skills Workshop, and asked if the Youth Commission can still continue to assist. Commissioner Xu expressed interest in assisting on the Teen Job Skills workshop. TC Wong will keep the Youth Commission updated as the planning moves forward.

9. Next Meeting Date:

Tuesday, February 14, 2012

10. Adjournment 6:10 PM